

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 760

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jonathon Rysewyk of Fulton High School on winning the Milken Family National Educator Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers and administrators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Principal Jonathon Rysewyk of Fulton High School in Knoxville is one such estimable educator who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rysewyk was recently honored with the Milken Family National Educator Award, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as an educator as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Awards program provides public recognition and financial rewards to school teachers, principals, and other education professionals who are furthering excellence in education; by honoring outstanding educators, the program strives to attract, develop, motivate, and retain talented people to the challenge and adventure of teaching; and

WHEREAS, Jonathon Rysewyk is the only recipient of the \$25,000 award this year from the State of Tennessee, and is one of only eighty educators from across the country to be so honored this year; and

WHEREAS, in a surprise ceremony before Fulton's staff and students, Tennessee Education Commissioner Lana Seivers and Milken Foundation representative Todd White presented this generous check to Mr. Rysewyk; and

WHEREAS, in accepting this prestigious award, Mr. Rysewyk deflected the praise he received in the form of applause and whistles from his grateful students back onto them, "You

guys inspire me every day as students," he said, while also acknowledging that the students had overcome "incredible things" just to attend school; and

WHEREAS, school officials lauded Mr. Rysewyk for his innovative ideas, including his research on potential academy programs for students; and

WHEREAS, Jonathon Rysewyk is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Principal Rysewyk truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Mr. Rysewyk is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship he shares with his wife, Rebecca; and

WHEREAS, Jonathon Rysewyk truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated educator who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Assistant Principal Jonathon Rysewyk of Fulton High School on winning the Milken Family National Educator Award, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.